

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and system for controlling network traffic to a network
computer such as a server is provided wherein such control is provided based on a
measured capacity of the server to service the network traffic and rule data which
represents different policies for servicing the network traffic. A load-controller of
the system installs more or less restrictive packet or request filtering policies based
on the capacity of the server to throttle the traffic to the server. The method and
system are sensitive to the actual capacity of the server by adopting this adaptive
traffic-shaping feature instead of using rigid policies to control resource usage on
10 the server.

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